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SUBJ: US CUSTOMS INC EXECUTIVE OBSERVATION PROGRAM FOR TURKEY

- 1. MINISTRY OF CUSTOMS AND MONOPOLIES CONFIRMS THAT MINISTER WILL BE ABLE TO ARRIVE IN THE US ON MAY 26. IN ADDITION TO WIFE AND DOGAN AK'IN, DIRGEN FOR INTERNATIONAL UGREEMENTS, THE MINISTER WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY A PERSONAL SECURITY GUARD.
- 2. ITINERARY FOR MINISTER TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED AS FOLLOWS:

MAY 26

LEAVE ANKARA TK 897 0730 ARRIVE ISTANBUL 0820

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MAY 29

LEAVE NEW YORK (JFK) BN 117 1500 ARRIVE WASHDC (NATIONAL) 1559

JUNE 15

LEAVE WASHINGTON NA 96 1020

ARRIVE NEW YORK 1115

JUNE 17

LEAVE NEW YORK PA 110 1845

JUNE 18

ARRIVE ISTANBUL 1335

LEAVE ISTANBUL TK 890 1725 ARRIVE ANKARA 1815

3. MATARACI HAS REQUESTED RESERVATIONS BE MADE FOR WEEKEND STOPOVER IN NEW YORK MAY 26-28. SINCE MAY 29 IS A FEDERAL HOLIDAY, FLIGHT RESERVATIONS DEFERRED UNTIL LATE THAT AFTERNOON. ALSO, MATARACI HAS ASKED THAT HIS SCHEDULE BE ARRANGED IN ORDER TO PERMIT FAREWELL CALLS TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION FOR HIS VISIT IN WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK. ITINERARY LISTED PARA 2 ABOVE IS, OF COURSE, TENTATIVE, BUT WE HOPE SCHEDULE IN US CAN BE MODIFIED SLIGHTLY TO PERMIT BRIEF STOPS IN WASHINGTON AND NEW YROK BEFORE DEPARTURE. BY USING NEW YORK AS ARRIVAL AND UNCLASSIFIED

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DEPARTURE POINT, WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF 21-45 DAY EXCURSION RATE WHEN PURCHASING TICKETS.

- 4. MINCUSTOMS' STAFF HAS ASKED EMBASSY TO CONVEY MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER TO MR LEHMAN (PRESUMABLY ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS, LEONARD LEHMAN) ACCEPTING HIS INVITATION. STAFF COULD NOT PROVIDE FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT INVITATION, BUT WE ASSURED THEM WE WOULD PASS MESSAGE.
- 5. BIO DATA ON MATARACI AND AKIN WILL FOLLOW SEPTEL. FOR PLANNING PURPOSES, HOWEVER, WE HAVE BEEN ADVISED BY MATARACI'S STAFF THAT AN INTERPRETER (PREFERABLY ONE ACCOUSTOMED TO USING 'OLD TURKISH') WILL BE REQUIRED. DOGAN AK'IN SPEAKS SOME ENGLISH AND UNDERSTANDS IT FAIRLY WELL, BUT HE IS NOT ABLE TO INTERPRET FOR THE MINISTER. DILLON

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